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EMBASSY FAVORS PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO ARABIAN PENINSULA; FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE BELIVES KUWAIT WOULD BE BEST LOCATION. AT PRESENT, TRAVEL TO UAE EASIER FROM KUWAIT THAN JIDDA (E.G. ALTHOUGH UAE RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA GOOD, BELIEVE IT STILL NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN UAE VISAS IN JIDDA). SINCE WE BELIEVE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR PROMOTION U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS INTO UAE (AND THROUGH IT TO OTHER END USERS, WITH DUBAI THE PRIME TRANSHIPMENT POINT), THIS IS SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATION. FAS INTEREST IN PETRO DOLLAR INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE, ALSO SUGGESTS KUWAIT AS LOCATION. PERHAPS NOT AS WEALTHY AS THE SAUDIS, JUWAITI INSTITUTION APPEARS TO US TO BE MORE SOPHISTICATED AND MORE WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND AID. IN LONG RUN, KUWAITI DRIVE

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FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG GULF

STATES MAY RESULT IN INSTITUTIONS WHICH WOULD RIVAL SAUDI ARABIA'S
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CREATE LARGE, UNIFIED MARKET FOR U.S.
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